

REPORT

CE NO.

CONFIDENTIAL

50X1-HUM

COUNTRY Czechoslovakia

DATE DISTR. 3 MAR 51.

SUBJECT Czech Imports of Pyrites during 1950

NO. OF PAGES 2

PLACE
ACQUIRED

NO. OF ENCLS.
(LISTED BELOW)

DATE OF INFO.

SUPPLEMENT TO
REPORT NO.

50X1-HUM

THIS DOCUMENT CONTAINS INFORMATION AFFECTING THE NATIONAL DEFENSE OF THE UNITED STATES WITHIN THE MEANING OF THE ESPIONAGE ACT 50 U.S.C. 31 AND 32, AS AMENDED. ITS TRANSMISSION OR THE REVELATION OF ITS CONTENTS IN ANY MANNER TO AN UNAUTHORIZED PERSON IS PROHIBITED BY LAW. REPRODUCTION OF THIS FORM IS PROHIBITED.

THIS IS UNEVALUATED INFORMATION

50X1-HUM

1. Czech imports of pyrites during 1950 are estimated to total 275,000 tons and were obtained from the following countries:

50X1-HUM

- a. From Yugoslavia, 150,000 tons, about 70,000 tons through [redacted] and the remainder through [redacted]. Originally Yugoslavia was to furnish 200,000 tons of pyrites to Czechoslovakia, and its failure to do so is mainly the result of lack of transportation.

- b. From 50,000 tons.

50X1-HUM

- | | |
|---------|----------------------|
| c. From | a negligible amount. |
|---------|----------------------|

- | | |
|---------|--------------|
| d. From | 25,000 tons. |
|---------|--------------|

- | | |
|---------|--------------|
| e. From | 10,000 tons. |
|---------|--------------|

- f. From Bulgaria, 15,000 tons. The Bulgarian ore consists of flotation pyrites with a sulphur content of 51 percent and is suitable for use in flash roasting plants.

- g. From Rumania, 15,000 tons. This ore is of poor quality and has a high arsenic content.

- h. From [] 10,000 tons. These pyrites were sold [] to Czechoslovakia on a compensation basis in exchange for sugar which was then short []. The pyrites came in equal quantities from the mines

50X1-HUM

50X1-HUM

2. A contract for 10,000 tons of pyrites fell through unexpectedly

3. The flash roasting plants at Usti and Hrusov have a capacity of 1,500 to 2,000 tons of flotation pyrites monthly. The new plant at Kolin, which was scheduled to start operating in August 1950, is designed to consume 1,500 tons of flotation pyrites monthly.

CONFIDENTIAL

CLASSIFICATION

~~SECRET~~/CONTROL. - U.S. OFFICIALS ONLY

[illegible]

Document No. _____
No Change In Class. ☐
☒ Declassified
Class. Changed To: TS S C
Auth.: HR 70-2
Date: 18/07/28 By _____

50X1-HUM

50X1-HUM

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~SECRET/CONTROL - U. S. OFFICIALS ONLY~~

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

-2-



4. Czech pyrite requirements for 1951 are now estimated to be a total of 320,000-350,000 tons.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~SECRET/CONTROL - U. S. OFFICIALS ONLY~~